

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
225 CADMAN PLAZA EAST
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201

CHAMBERS OF
I. LEO GLASSER
SENIOR JUDGE

April 2, 2019

Nicole McFarland
Metropolitan Detention Center
80 29th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11232

Re: *United States v. Alvaro Palau*
Docket No. 09-CR-633 (ILG)

Dear Ms. McFarland:

I enclose a copy of a letter with which you were copied and assume you received.

To avoid more formal proceedings, a report from you addressing the serious allegations in that letter would be useful and is hereby requested.

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,
/s/
I. Leo Glasser
Senior United States District Judge

cc: Alexei Schacht, Esq.
Gina Parlovecchio, AUSA

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The Honorable I. Leo Glasser
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Alvaro Palau, 09CR633 (ILG)

Dear Judge Glasser:

This law firm represents Alvaro Palau, an inmate at MDC Brooklyn. About 20 months ago we sought and received your Honor's help in getting MDC staff to try to treat my client's serious health problems. However, I write again because he has not been successfully treated. Rather, MDC has taken him for an x-ray on his artificial hip but examined the wrong hip and there are other such examples of the level of treatment he has been given. Indeed, his overall health seems to be worse. I will be specific: my client's failing artificial hip has still not been treated and so he walks with a limp that he did not have when entering custody; he also has a hernia that has gone untreated other than being given some sort of supportive belt to wear; he has a bad chronic case of acid reflux for which he has been given some medicine, the packaging and literature for which specifies that it is for women; and he also needs dental care for teeth he has lost since his incarceration.

I am not an expert and do not know if the MDC Brooklyn is capable of treating my client but I ask that your Honor either convene a court hearing at which these issues may be addressed, or intervene in some fashion so as to assist my client. The prosecutors are aware of the contents of my letter and join in my request for the Court's assistance.

Thank you so much for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Alexei Schacht

Alexei Schacht

cc: United States Attorney's Office (by ECF)
MDC Brooklyn Legal Department (by email)